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the motor down to a standstill. In this case, for the purpose of braking, the motors are subjected to the torque acting in a predefined reverse direction counter to the original direction of rotation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 17, with the following written paragraph:

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In the event of a web break, the control device 10 receives a signal as indicated by an input arrow 13. This signal may come from a web break switch, as it is known, which may be constructed as a light barrier, for example. However, it would also be conceivable to monitor the current torque of the motors 7 and, in the event of a torque change characteristic of a web break, to generate the signal 13 and/or to activate the aforementioned control program containing the emergency stop ramp 12. As a result of activating the control program containing the emergency stop ramp 12, the motors 7 are driven in such a way that they are simultaneously braked to a standstill along the emergency stop ramp 12 within a few revolutions, that is to say abruptly.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 7 are amended as follows:

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1. (Amended) Method of preventing machine damage in the event of a web break in a web-fed rotary printing machine comprising a plurality of cylinders which, in a print-on position, roll one on another, said printing machine further comprising a plurality of drive motors for driving said cylinders, wherein each said cylinder is driven by a respective said drive motor, said method comprising  
synchronizing the motors so that they are all driven at the same speed,  
detecting when a web break occurs, and